





## Social &amp; Personal

Mr. George Kifir, Romanian Charge d'Affaires, accompanied by Mr. Ioan Toacsi, Third Secretary and Mr. Ioan Cernat, Cultural Attaché, visited the headquarters of the Tel Aviv Labour Council at Beit Henshler yesterday. They were received by the Secretary of the Council, Mr. Eliezer Shohat.

The guests were taken on a tour of the Beit Henshler Hospital and other Hatzitruv institutions and factories in the area.

Dr. Lincoln B. Hale, Director of U.R.O.M. in Israel, Mr. Simcha Blass, Director of Tahal, and many engineers from all parts of the country took part in a study day of sewerage problems, held in Haifa yesterday.

Mr. Y. M. Dennis, U.R.O.M. sewerage expert, was chairman, and Mayor Abba Khoussy welcomed the engineers and opened the conference.

Senator Arthur W. Roebuck of Canada visited the Hatzitruv Executive Building in Tel Aviv yesterday and was received by Mr. Reuben Barkat, head of the Political Department.

**ARRIVALS:**

Dr. Dan Richter-Levin, after finishing his medical studies in Switzerland and England, Mr. Chaim Gershaber, editor of the Johannesburg "Zionist Record" for a one-month visit, Mr. E. Krone, Director-General of Young Building Materials Company after a one-month business visit to Cyprus, seven representatives of British Travel agencies for a seven-day visit as guests of the Government; Mr. Louis Burton, editor of the British "New Holiday" magazine.

**DEPARTURE:** Mr. Saul M. Zabel of the Palestine Economic Corporation, with his family, for Canada, to take up a position with the State of Israel Bond Drive.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Wolfson of London are now staying at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Meyer Weigl in Rehovot.

Solomon, the pianist, was given a prolonged standing ovation last night for his performance of Beethoven's "Emperor" Concerto with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by Enrique Jorda in the Odeon Shem Hall, Tel Aviv.

The weekly luncheon of the Tel Aviv-Jaffa Rotary Club will take place at Z.O.A. House at 1.15 p.m. today. Mr. Haim Rasil, Director-General of the Ministry of Transport, will speak on: "An Israel in Europe."

**CAPITAL MARKS**

**RAMBAM FESTIVAL**

The Rambam's request to his "sons and disciples" to observe annually the date of his pilgrimage to Jerusalem, the 9th of Heshvan, was fulfilled — probably for the first time — in the Jerusalem Municipal Council Hall on Tuesday.

Mayor Gershon Agron, after welcoming the rabbis and students, turned the meeting over to Dr. & E. Kahane, Director-General of the Ministry for Religious Affairs, who initiated the scheme.

Rabbi B. Y. Zevin spoke on the place and significance of Jerusalem in the Rambam's writings, and Dr. E. Muntner, of the Rambam's stay in the Holy City.

Dr. Kahane presented to Mr. Agron a copy of the Mishne Torah of the Rambam, which was printed in Jerusalem, and which is to serve as the first volume of a proposed Municipal library.

**PORT POLICE OFFICER**

**RELIEVED OF DUTIES**

Jerusalem Post Bureau

HAIFA, Wednesday. — A Port police officer, suspected of smuggling, has been relieved of all his duties pending a disciplinary court enquiry. The officer had reportedly been under surveillance for some time, and last Monday some foodstuffs were discovered during a search of his office. They included 24 kilograms of meat, three tins of sardines, two of salmon and two packets of butter. The man said that he had received the food from one of the ships in port.

**KINDERGARTEN FEES**

The tuition fee for Odeon Yaffa-kindergartens and day nurseries ranges from IL2 to IL15, and not from IL15-IL18, as erroneously reported yesterday due to a typographical error.

**THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

of the Anti-Tuberculosis League which was to have taken place this evening will be held at 8.30 p.m. next Thursday at the Jourdallat Club, Carmel Municipal Building, Jerusalem.

## Haifa Port Authority's Action Called 'Illegal' by Dagon

Jerusalem Post Bureau

HAIFA, Wednesday. — The Dagon Silo Company today challenged as illegal the Port Authority's decision to allow the unloading of wheat in bulk from the a.s. Seher The U.P.S. has already begun the work.

Dagon, which invested large sums of foreign and local currency in its silo in return for a government concession to unload all bulk wheat shipments, has ordered its attorney to take immediate action to ensure its rights. The company's spokesman stated that the Port Manager, Mr. A. Landman, had informed Dagon that if the temporary discharging equipment Dagon had used in the past should be needed again to cope with the large wheat shipments now expected, he would order the U.P.S. to operate it. Dagon also protested against this step, as it holds the operating rights for the equipment, which belongs to the Ministry of Commerce.

Dagon's spokesman explained that, under its concession, the Government must pay it an annual fee of 10 per cent on its investment capital for the silo. The more wheat Dagon handled, therefore, the lower the expense would be. On the other hand, Dagon had agreed to employ some of the Hatzitruv members. Today, the U.P.S. has taken over Hatzitruv's work while Dagon was left with the Hatzitruv members, most of them elderly and unfit for physical labour.

The Port Authority reportedly handed the work to the U.P.S. because the silo was almost full and can take no more than the 5,700 tons it is now discharging from the a.s. Seher. The silo cannot be cleared fast enough, because the approach for trucks and the rail sidings have not been completed by the Ministry of Transport. Dagon stated that as it held an exclusive concession, the Port Authorities must legally hand all grain discharging, even if it is to be done mutually, to Dagon, which could, if it wished, engage the U.P.S. as subcontractors. As the situation stands at the moment, the Government is paying both Dagon and the U.P.S. for unloading the a.s. Seher and other vessels.

**ON THE AIR**

**FIRST PROGRAMME**

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## Today's Postbag

## THE WEATHER

OUTLOOK: Partly cloudy.

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Tel Aviv	70	72	74	76
Haifa	68	70	72	74
Jerusalem	65	67	69	71
Beersheva	62	64	66	68
Netanya	69	71	73	75
Ramat Gan	68	70	72	74
Yotvata	58	60	62	64

\*A) Humidity at 2 p.m. 55

\*B) Maximum temperature today

\*C) Minimum temperature tomorrow

\*D) Maximum temperature tomorrow

\*E) Minimum temperature tomorrow

\*F) Maximum temperature tomorrow

\*G) Minimum temperature tomorrow

\*H) Maximum temperature tomorrow

\*I) Minimum temperature tomorrow

\*J) Maximum temperature tomorrow

\*K) Minimum temperature tomorrow

\*L) Maximum temperature tomorrow

\*M) Minimum temperature tomorrow

\*N) Maximum temperature tomorrow

\*O) Minimum temperature tomorrow

\*P) Maximum temperature tomorrow

\*Q) Minimum temperature tomorrow

\*R) Maximum temperature tomorrow

\*S) Minimum temperature tomorrow

\*T) Maximum temperature tomorrow

\*U) Minimum temperature tomorrow

\*V) Maximum temperature tomorrow

\*W) Minimum temperature tomorrow

\*X) Maximum temperature tomorrow

\*Y) Minimum temperature tomorrow

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\*AA) Minimum temperature tomorrow

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## Ma'barot, Books, Schools Figure in Knesset Questions

It would be much easier to liquidate the ma'barot if it were not for the fact that some elements in the country are trying to turn the problem into a political football, the Minister of Labour said in the Knesset yesterday. These groups — represented in the Knesset as well — encouraged many ma'barot dwellers in their stubborn resolve not to move from their present sites, and also discouraged those new immigrants who did have funds, from contributing towards their own housing, Mrs. Myerson asserted.

She was speaking in reply to motions for the agenda proposed by Dr. Meir Shalev (Communist) and Mr. Haim Yehuda (Mapai), calling for the liquidation of the camps. Her counter-motion to remove the motions from the agenda was defeated by the votes of Herut, General Zionists, Haapoel Hamizrabi-Mizrabi, Ahdut HaAvoda, Mapai, and the Communists. The matter was referred to the Labour Committee, in accordance with the motion of Mr. Haim Yehuda (Mapai). Other motions for the agenda dealt with the exchange rate for books, the adverse balance of trade, and religious education.

Mrs. Myerson said that the figure of 80,000 camp dwellers cited by Dr. Shalev and that of 100,000 given by Mr. Yehuda were far from the truth. The fact was that of the 19,000 families in ma'barot in the spring of 1954, 9,000 families had moved into permanent housing. In addition to 2,000 families who had immigrated in this period and had by-passed the camps entirely.

To solve the problem of the remaining 10,000 families still in ma'barot, 7,000 housing units were now under construction. By December, 2,000 families would move into these new homes, by next March another 2,000, and during next summer another 3,000.

After that, only 3,000 families will remain. These families in general are found in ma'barot whose liquidation is a serious and unique problem. The residents of these camps — not without encouragement from veteran residents — do not want to move from their places under any circumstances, even if it is a matter of a few kilometers or in some cases a few hundred metres, and even though it has been demonstrated in the past few years that there is no economic basis for a permanent settlement in the present location.

To the charge by Mr. Yehuda that ma'barot dwellers could not get permanent housing unless they made a down payment of IL1,700, Mrs. Myerson replied it was true that if the new immigrants had money, they were expected to bear a share of the cost of their housing. But if they really did not, they received permanent housing against monthly rent, with no down payment.

**Book Exchange Rate**  
The motion for a censure on the Finance Ministry's intention to raise the exchange rate on imported books was brought by Mr. Gershom Schocken (Progressive). He said that of the \$3m-worth of books imported annually, \$2.5m-worth came from the U.S. As far as the American books were concerned, the foreign currency was not allocated by the Treasury, but by the U.S. Government.

It was only owing to the special exchange rate that thousands of Israelis have been able to acquire books from America and Europe. If Israelis were forced to limit themselves to books in Hebrew, the country would be cut off culturally from the world. Replying to the argument that the purpose of the proposed IL1,500 exchange rate was to keep cheap literature out of Israel, Mr. Schocken stated that only 16 per cent of imported books were "pocket books," and that a good proportion of the latter were non-fiction or fiction of a high quality.

Replying, the Minister of Finance, Mr. Levi Eshkol, said that just as the Treasury was abolishing special exchange rates for other commodities, even those as vital as bread, it had every right to do the same for books. However, it did intend to make a distinction between professional literature and textbooks, and all others.

Mr. Eshkol thought that the special rate was particularly harmful as applied to children's books. There was no reason why we should stimulate the purchase of foreign children's books and have our children make their first acquaintance with literature through the folklore and fairy tales of other cultures. He moved that the matter be referred to committee.

Mr. Itzhak Raphael (Haapoel Hamizrabi) moved that the motion be removed from the agenda. The present exchange rate was sabotaging local publishers, (Mr. Susyev: "That's not so.") It led to the import even of sets of the Talmud and the Mishna from America, when it was we who should be exporting these religious works. He also referred to the Churchill Memoirs.

**High Court Upholds Murder Acquittal**  
The High Court sitting as a Court of Criminal Appeals in Jerusalem yesterday, upheld the acquittal of Boris Kirkitadze and Elimelech Ben Yacov of the murder of Baruch Finkelstein, owing to lack of supporting evidence. Finkelstein, a watchman in the courtyard of the Food Controller's building in Tel Aviv, was murdered in August, 1953, when an attempt was made to raid a supply of ration cards in the building.

A detailed report of this case will be presented in a forthcoming Law Report.

## 'Israel's Economic Future Depends On You', Eshkol Tells UJA Chiefs

Responsibility for the success of Israel's economic future was dropped into the laps of the United Jewish Appeal and the Israel Bond Drive yesterday by the Acting Prime Minister and Finance Minister, Mr. Levi Eshkol. He was speaking at a cocktail reception held by the Bond organization at the King David Hotel in Jerusalem for the U.J.A. study mission, the first social affair, Mr. Eshkol pointed out, at which the two organizations have been linked.

The U.J.A. would be responsible for providing more philanthropic funds for immigration; the Bond Drive would raise more money for development; and Israel would concentrate on funds for defence.

He stressed that, as at the social function yesterday, there must be full cooperation between these two very fund-raising arms of the State of Israel. In the close harmony of these two arms... and in their success, lies the future economic strength of the State of Israel.

**Funds Needed for Arms**  
"As you now understand, after seeing the country and sensing the dangers which lie ahead, we need funds for arms. But if our immigration plans and development projects suffer because of the need to divert funds for arms, then we are losing part of our battle. We would be retreating on the front marked 'economic independence,' the Finance Minister said.

Mr. Eshkol's speech came shortly before the U.J.A. leadership went into closed session to sum up their impressions of the past seven days. During that period, they had toured the country and listened to many of Israel's leaders speaking on every facet of the country's problems.

On their return from their tour yesterday afternoon it was evident that what they had seen was a country in a state of emergency.

**Amizan to Import Greek Olives**  
The Ministry of Commerce and Industry last month approved the import of 30 tons of olives from Greece by Amizan, the Government-sponsored import luxury food firm, it was learned from Ministry sources yesterday.

These olives are being sold at a considerably higher price (IL2,500 a kg.) than local ones, which cost the consumer IL1,400-1,500 a kg.

It is understood that the reason for importing them was to provide the local market with a different type of olives, and to supplement the low crops of olives this year.

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## Quick Action Saves Child's Life

**TIBERIAS, Wednesday.**—Rafael Ben-Kiki, 30, unsuccessful candidate for mayor at the head of his own list and acquitted of charges of attempting to blow up the Mayor's car, showed great presence of mind and bravery, in saving a four-year-old boy from drowning this morning.

The boy, Mordechai Bravul, fell into Lake Kinneret while playing on the shore. Ben-Kiki happened to be near the scene and without a moment's hesitation dived in, fully dressed, and managed to save the boy, who was already under water. Back on land, Ben-Kiki called a fisherman who resuscitated the child by artificial respiration.

**THE TRIAL** of Efraim Cohen, charged with failing to implement a court order to demolish two rooms built illegally in the Kiryat Shmuel Quarter of Jerusalem, began yesterday in the Jerusalem Municipal Court.

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**REHOVOT** —  
Monday, Oct. 31 — Beit Ha'am, Rehovot, at 8:30 p.m.

Proceeds of the Recital in Rehovot are for the Benefit of the ISRAELI WAR OF INDEPENDENCE DISABLED VETERANS FUND.  
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We hereby give notice that starting tomorrow, Oct. 28, 1955, the fares on our services will be raised in accordance with the rate scale confirmed by the Ministry of Transport.

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**Defence Fund**  
Jerusalem Post Staff  
Contributions in kind, ranging from paintings to life preservers, as well as a steady stream of cash, poured into the Defence Fund yesterday. Collection points all over the country were busy from 8 o'clock in the morning to their 6 o'clock closing time, as the Fund completed its eighth day.

A cheque for \$1,000 has been sent in by an anonymous client of the Jacob Japhet Bank in Haifa. A group of nine American students studying at the Yeshivat Hadarom, Rehovot, have contributed over \$100.

Yigael Shalev, 9, of Jerusalem, has sent IL15,140, together with a letter in which he expressed the hope that the weapons will never be needed. He said that he had been "saving the money to buy a chemistry set for himself," but the safety of the country was more important.

Two prosecution witnesses in a case in the Jerusalem Magistrate's Court, Natfali and Ephraim Ben-Nefali, donated the expense money normally paid to subpoenaed witnesses.

The crew of the s.s. Meir Disengoff, on her way home from the U.S.A., has called a contribution to IL1,000. The crew of the s.s. Arta is giving IL240.

Five-year-old Malka Lev and her 12-year-old brother, Avraham, of Ramat Gan, are giving one prize for every letter of their combined names (Mem-40, Lamed 30 etc.) and want other children to play the same game. Their contribution came to IL470.

A cheque for IL1,140 was sent in by Efra, a farmers' cooperative in Kadina, together with a promise of more.

The Haifa Painters' Council gave to the Municipality 30 of the best pictures of the town's artists to be auctioned off, with the proceeds to go to the Fund.

The mayor, Mr. Haimovici, has already sold two pictures at IL200 each.



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## THERE is something particularly ominous about the timing of yesterday's Egyptian attack against the Israel police post in Be'erot.

### CYNICAL DEFIANCE

It is calculated as it was to coincide with Major-General Burns' arrival at United Nations Headquarters. Considering that the UN Staff decided personally to report to Mr. Hammarskjöld largely because he had found no inclination in Cairo to discuss the festering tension in the Nitzana Demilitarized Zone, Egypt's latest border aggression reveals itself to be more than a routine violation of the Armistice Agreement. It was an act of cynical defiance of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization. For, prior to his departure last week, General Burns called upon Israel and Egypt to avoid anything that might disturb the peace of the Demilitarized Zone. He left only after receiving a positive response from both sides, but no sooner had his plane taken off than Egyptian troops opened automatic fire across the border at an Israel police patrol. And by the time he landed in New York, the Chief of Staff was greeted with news of a full-scale Egyptian military operation on Israel territory.

It is perhaps too early to say with any degree of certainty whether the Egyptian attacks were undertaken in support of the recent series of Syrian provocations, or whether these are the first fruits of the Egyptian-Syrian military alliance just concluded. There seems to be little doubt, however, that both Egypt and Syria are determined to stretch border tensions to as near breaking point as possible. In this respect, they have been encouraged, perhaps unwittingly, by persistent foreign press reports which speculated lavishly on the possibility that Israel might undertake a preventive war, speculation which the Prime Minister, Mr. Sharet, has emphatically spiced in the Knesset and, for the benefit of the foreign press, again in Paris on Tuesday.

There is not a shadow of doubt as to who started shooting yesterday morning, nor as to who invaded whose territory. Nevertheless, the report issued by the U.N. Observers yesterday afternoon would appear to have been purposely worded ambiguously, so that it reads like a tortured attempt to avoid putting the blame squarely on the aggressors. Apart from being an affront to the men whose blood has been spilled in defending this desert outpost, such reports do not promote the confidence in these servants of the U.N. which that organization is entitled to expect in this country.

In general, the Observers' reports have lately been generous to a fault in their tendency to overlook Egyptian and Syrian breaches of the Armistice. No complaint was made to Syria by the U.N. when Observers, trying to trace the path taken by the kidnappers of the Israel soldier near Gonen last week, were fired at and prevented from crossing into Syrian territory to continue their investigation. Nor was anything further published by the U.N. when, two days later, the tracks were followed across the border as far as a Syrian position. Similarly, no protest was made to Egypt when Observers working together with Israel representatives were fired at in the Nitzana frontier area, and the protest only came belatedly when two Observers travelling in a jeep, and not accompanied by Israel, were again attacked.

The United Nations, whose business is pacification and clarification, cannot set up a double standard of reports and complaints. Unless justice is blind, even in the face of unpalatable findings, it will not be respected or recognized. The services of the U.N. Observer Corps as expert witnesses to the present situation are too valuable to be jeopardized in this way.

## From the Memoirs of *Isidor Stimson* **'Twenty Thousand Tons of TNT'**

THE historic message of the first explosion of an atomic bomb was flashed to me from Secretary of War Stimson on the morning of July 16, 1945. The most secret and the most daring enterprise of the war had succeeded.

We were now in possession of a weapon that would not only revolutionize war but could alter the course of history and civilization. This news reached me at Potsdam a day after I had arrived for the conference of the Big Three.

Preparations were being rushed for the test atomic explosion at Alamogordo, New Mexico, at the time I had to leave for Europe. As I read the message from Stimson I realized that the United States had in its possession an explosive force of unparalleled power.

Stimson flew to Potsdam the next day to see me and brought with him the full details of the test. I received him at once and called in Secretary of State Byrnes, Admiral Leahy, Gen. Marshall, Gen. Arnold and Adm. King to join us. We reviewed our military strategy in the light of this revolutionary development.

We were not ready to make use of this weapon against the Japanese, although we did not know as yet what effect the new weapon might have, physically or psychologically, when used against the enemy. For that reason the military advised that we go ahead with the existing military plans for the invasion of the Japanese home islands.

At Potsdam, as elsewhere, the secret of the atomic bomb was kept closely guarded. We did not extend the very small circle of Americans who knew about it to include the British, who were to share in the use of the atomic bomb project from its very beginning, because it had involved the pooling of British and American technical skill.

On July 24 I casually mentioned to Stalin that we had a new weapon of unusual destructive force. The Russian Premier showed no unusual interest. He said that he was glad to hear it, and hoped we would make good use of it against the Japanese.

**Making Sure**  
A MONTH before the test explosion of the atomic bomb the Service Secretaries and the Joint Chiefs of Staff had laid their detailed plan for the defeat of Japan before me for approval. An amphibious landing in the fall of 1945 on the island of Kyushu, the southernmost of the Japanese home islands, was to be accomplished by our Sixth Army.

Approximately four months later a second great invasion would be carried out by our Eighth and Tenth Armies, followed by the First Army, which would move from Europe, all of which would be in the Kanto plains area near Tokyo. In all, it had been estimated that it would require until the late fall of 1946 to bring Japan to her knees.

This was a formidable conception, and all of us realized fully that the fighting would be fierce and the losses heavy. But it was hoped that some of Japan's forces would continue to be preoccupied in China, and others would be prevented from reinforcing the home islands if Russia were to enter the war.

There was, of course, always the possibility that the Japanese might choose to surrender sooner. Our air and fleet units had begun to inflict heavy damage on industrial and urban areas in Japan proper. Except for China, the armies of the Mikado had been pushed back everywhere in relentless succession.

Acting Secretary of State Grew had spoken to me in late May about issuing a proclamation that would urge the Japanese to surrender, but would assure them that we would permit the Emperor to remain as Head of the State. Grew backed this with arguments taken from his 10 years' experience as our ambassador in Japan, and I told him that it seemed to me a sound idea.

On June 18 Grew reported that the proposal had met with the approval of his Cabinet colleagues and of the Joint Chiefs. The military leaders also discussed the subject with me when they reported the same day. Grew favoured issuing the proclamation.

set up the key establishment in the whole process at Los Alamos, New Mexico. More than any other man, Oppenheimer is to be credited with the achievement of the completed bomb.

**WHEN** Secretary Stimson had told me the full story he had told me that the project was nearing completion, and that a bomb could be expected within another four months. At his suggestion I had set up a committee of top men, and had asked them to study with great care the implications of the new weapon might have for us.

This committee was assisted by a group of scientists. The ideas of the scientists, both in the advisory committee and in the larger committee, were brought to me by Secretary Stimson on June 1. It was their recommendation that the bomb be used against the enemy as soon as it could be made. They suggested further that it should be used without specific warning and against a target that would clearly show its devastating strength.

**No Parallel**  
But the test was now successful. The entire development of the atomic bomb had been dictated by military considerations. The idea of the atomic bomb had been suggested to President Roosevelt by the famous and brilliant Dr. Albert Einstein, and its development turned out to be a great undertaking.

It was the achievement of the combined efforts of science, industry, labour and the military. The men in charge and their staffs worked under extremely high pressure, and the whole effort had no parallel in history. The men in charge and their staffs worked under extremely high pressure, and the whole effort had no parallel in history.

**List of Cities**  
In deciding to use this bomb I wanted to make sure that it would be used as a weapon of war in the manner prescribed by the laws of war. That meant that I wanted it dropped on a military target. I had told Stimson that the bomb should be used against a target that was a centre of military activity, was eliminated when Secretary Stimson pointed out that it was a centre of religious activity.

Four cities were finally recommended as targets: Hiroshima, Kokura, Nagasaki and Yamaguchi. They were listed in that order as targets for the first atomic bomb.

**WORKING HOURS**  
Editor, The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — The Jerusalem Post has been a great help to me in my work. I have been able to get a lot of information from your paper, and I have been able to get a lot of information from your paper.

**RESERVE PAY**  
Editor, The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — It has been interesting to follow the exchange of letters in your paper on reserve pay and the sharing of the financial burden by the State, the employer and the reservist. It may surprise your readers—and I am sure they will be interested in the matter.

**EXHIBITION**  
Editor, The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — The sculpture "Job" exhibited in the current Jerusalem Artists' Exhibition in Tel Aviv, is not a plaster cast, as was erroneously stated by your art critic in your issue of October 6, but stone. None of the four sculptures exhibited by me is in plaster.

**PEN FRIENDS**  
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**STREET CROSSINGS**  
Editor, The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — There are two schools of thought in this country about the system of street crossings. Everyone agrees — it is true — that pedestrians should cross the streets only at these marked places, but some realize that pedestrians enjoy preference at these spots while others believe that even at these crossings pedestrians should wait patiently until there is a break in the flow of cars. As cars are stronger than men, the second view is mostly accepted.

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## Moscow's Standard of Living Improved TV—and a Family—to Every Room

By EDWARD CRANKSHAW MOSCOW, (OPENS)

UNTIL a very few years ago the central point in any consideration of the Soviet Union was the standard of living, which was critically depressed. The question was whether it could be raised in time to prevent the economy from piecing as a result of sheer physical exhaustion on the part of the masses.

Moving about in the great cities, the returning visitor receives the very strong impression that the corner has been turned. His sighs with relief, for example, because it is no longer incumbent on him to report that large numbers of city-dwellers lack sound shoes. Everybody now has shoes — stout, sensible, serviceable shoes. And most people who take any pride in their appearance have at least two pairs. Almost every young girl, for instance, has a best pair chosen for elegance.

**Historic News**  
On August 6, the fourth day of the journey home from Potsdam, came the historic news that shook the world. I was sitting in the crowd in the August 6th when I saw Capt. Frank Graham, White House Map Room Watch Officer, hand out the following message: "To the President from the Secretary of War."

**Bogus Exchange Rate**  
It is difficult to convey an idea of prices. The exchange rate is bogus: officially about 11 rubles to the pound sterling, the real rate should be about 40 to the pound. Thus, in estimating comparative incomes and prices, it is necessary to use the official rate as a basis — in which case incomes are inflated four times, and prices the same, or else divide prices and incomes by four. Thus the average wage seems to be about 200 rubles a week, which is £20 a week or £5 a week, whichever way you look at it. Similarly, a man's suit is 1,300 rubles, which is something over £120 — or something over £12 — according to the way you look at it.

Let us look at it this way: the lower grades of unskilled workers make 250-500 rubles a month; the lower grades of clerical workers 700-800 a month; a great mass of skilled workers Government officials and technicians something in the neighborhood of 1,200-1,500 a month; highly skilled workers and responsible officials 2,000 per month; well-placed scientists, university professors, factory managers, 3,000-5,000 per month. As for prices: women's shoes run from 240 to 600 rubles; an album of 100 postcards, 12 rubles; a single metal teaspoon, 12 rubles; 36 rubles for a silver-plated one; a cheap razor will cost 15 rubles; a bottle of beer, eight rubles; poor quality meat, eight rubles; a rather better one 100 rubles; a supper (equivalent to the average and poorest urban diet) 25 rubles. These prices are monstrously high if translated at the official rate. If translated at the real rate they are still too high.

It is plain that people with an income of less than 600 rubles a month are engaged in a desperate struggle for survival (and there are plenty of these); it is clear that people with less than 1,000 rubles a month have difficulty in making ends meet (and these are the great majority).

**Bicycles and Cars**  
It is equally clear that people with 1,500 rubles a month and more are no longer preoccupied with keeping alive. And, indeed, there is a point (which varies, of course, with family responsibilities and with local shortages) where the problem is, in a land of short supply, to find things to buy with surplus rubles. That is why, except when talking to the obviously very poor, you never know whether the main rumble of wheels will always come, is going to be about prices or shortages.

Prices, nevertheless, are a great deal lower than they were; wages are higher; shortages are very slowly being overcome. One now sees people on bicycles, especially better-paid workers in the factory districts. There are even motor-bikes. Private cars are increasing in numbers, though so far on nothing like the scale the stranger to the Soviet Union might imagine. The overwhelming majority of the cars on the road, even the small Pobeda and the tiny Moskvitch, are the property of the State. You can tell the few that are privately owned by the first two letters on the number plate. Even the grandest individuals, such as five-star ballerinas, never seem to aspire to anything bigger than a Pobeda when it comes to personal ownership, though by virtue of their position they have the use of a huge and shiny limousine. But the motor-car industry is rapidly expanding. There are excellent grades of petrol on sale at the infrequent filling stations, the best being very good indeed. It is hard to doubt that it will be privately possible for the owner-driver ever to get spare parts.

**Unbelievable Spread of Television**  
BUT certainly the most dramatic of all the changes is the growth of television, and it is clear that the Government is putting it on a scale of considerable weight behind this growth. You will see in adjoining shop windows a serviceable man's suit selling at 1,300 rubles, and a serviceable woman's suit selling at 1,700 rubles. This is an example of the top-down curtailment of prices. Television is evidently regarded by the Government, and rightly, as a major aid to contentment and cultural development. The programmes are excellent: all the resources of State-run theatres and cinemas stand behind it. On the cultural level they make Lina Grove (B.B.C. television headquarter) look sublimely and it is interesting that the television screen does not plug ideological propaganda. An occasional glimpse of street life in the slums of Naples or Glasgow makes its point; but for the rest the programmes are designed to entertain, to stimulate, and to uplift.

TV has untold advantages. It provides a way not only of entertaining the people crammed together in their wretched little homes through the long winter nights; it may also be used to make them more alert and to stimulate their sense of wonder and emulation. Finally it is 100 per cent safe. Soviet citizens may be encouraged to buy television sets and use them freely because no foreign broadcast can be picked up on them. The response is almost unbelievable! In the housing estates around the cities, and far out into the countryside, the air is thick with television aerials. The villages round Moscow, for example, house after house bristles with seven or eight aerials springing from the roof. Tiny wooden boxes have their aerials — the TV having been added to the wooden chairs, the table, the brass bedstead and the nest on the stove. And these aerials, more than anything else, underline the desperate housing shortage.

For this remains desperate. There is reconstruction everywhere, and the construction is often highly mechanized. The new buildings are a forest of cranes though here, as so often, appearances are misleading: far more buildings have been started than can be finished in a reasonable time. With all the new building, however, most Moscow families still have only one room and a share of a communal bathroom. I said the number of television sets emphasizes this state of affairs more than anything else. But there is one other thing, and that is that at six times the great blocks of apartment houses which now dominate Moscow, every window is lit up. It is a wonderful and lovely sight. But the streets only at these marked places, but some realize that pedestrians enjoy preference at these spots while others believe that even at these crossings pedestrians should wait patiently until there is a break in the flow of cars. As cars are stronger than men, the second view is mostly accepted.

**Ministry of Labour**  
**NOTICE**  
Drawing for 1,000 Flats Under the Home Savings Plan  
The Housing Department of the Ministry of Labour announces the drawing of 1,000 flats, Type A, from the buildings being built by the Housing Department under the Home Savings Plan.  
1. Persons registering by March 31, 1956 will be entitled to participate in the drawing.  
2. Those who pay in IL1,000 by the above date, the first full payment, and save IL200 in this same period will be entitled to participate in the drawing which will be held in May 1956.  
3. Flats coming into this scheme are under construction at the following places:  
HOLON 100 flats  
JAFRA 100 flats  
NORTH TEL AVIV 100 flats  
KIRYAT ELIEZER, HAIFA 100 flats  
KATAMON, JERUSALEM 100 flats  
BEERSHEVA 100 flats  
ASHKELON 100 flats  
KIRYAT SHMONA 100 flats  
4. All these flats will be of Type 'A' — as listed in the prospectus. The basic price is IL2,500 in Holon, Acre, Ashkelon, Beersheva and Kiryat Shmona. Because of the greater development expenses and enlarged flats there will be a 5% increase on the price of the flats in Jaffa and Jerusalem, and a 10% increase on the price of the flats in Western Haifa and North Tel Aviv.  
5. The flats under construction are being built according to the Popular Housing Prospectus with additional equipment including a) bath tub with extra tiles b) electric boiler instead of kerosene boiler. For this reason an increase of IL400 will be levied on the flats except those built in Jaffa, where candidates may forgo the improvements.  
6. THIS ADVANCED DRAWING WILL NOT IMPAIR THE RIGHTS of anyone who has registered under the scheme. Therefore, anyone who does not participate in the drawing at this stage will still retain his right to housing in accordance with conditions of the Home Savings Plan. These flats are being built within the framework of the Popular Housing Scheme — Stage 'B'.  
THE FLATS NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION WILL BE READY FOR THE WINNERS DURING 1956.

It means that every room is in itself a home. In the public services there is immense vitality. The new trolley-buses, which are replacing the old ones, are excellent. In Moscow, the public transport problem seems to have been largely solved. Machinery is being flung into operation in every direction. One of the most impressive possessions of Moscow is a magnificent fleet of the latest model ZIS, adapted as paper ambulances and looking the last word in efficiency and elegance. Another is a monstrous machine built on a positively Teutonic scale which moves about the roads and the pavements on great bogies repairing and improving the overhead lights and the trolley-bus cables.

One day last month it was operating in Sverdlovsk Square opposite the Bolshoi Theatre. This square is lighted by heavy clusters of lights branching out from the tops of tall columns. The old clusters were being taken down and new ones, weighing heaven knows what, put up in their place. The old clusters had four great bulbs protected by translucent globes; the new clusters had 12. My taxi-driver turned round and gave me a premonitory gesture. "What there were four, now there are twelve!" he exclaimed. Mr. Khrushchev might think of taking that up as a slogan. It would not be far out.

There are plenty of things wrong with Soviet industry. Marshal Bulganin listed most of them in his remarkable speech last July. It is often wasteful, but it works; and it has achieved great things. It has, in all essentials, won its battle. And it has not lost sight of the industrial base is now such that it could support, if all went well, a large and significant expansion of the manufacture of consumer goods.

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